



FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.
EPH 2:8-9

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Transfiguration of our Lord



Let There Be Light

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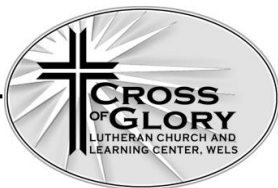
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Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

Holy Communion: We offer classes (Basic Bible Christianity) for those desiring to take the sacrament. If you are a newcomer, please take these classes before communing or speak with our pastor.

ORDER OF SERVICE: DIVINE SERVICE II

OPENING HYMN.....How Good Lord to Be Here (CW # 95)

STAND

INVOCATION¹

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

¹ The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*KYRIE*)²

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer— cy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer— cy.

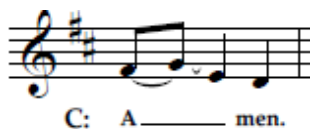
M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer— cy.

² *Kyrie* is the Greek word for *Lord*. The expression “Lord, have mercy” is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.



GLORY BE TO GOD (*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*)³

1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;

Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
You take all hu - man sin a - way.
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.

We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:

Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

³ We praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

THE WORD OF GOD

SALUTATION⁴

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....2 Kings 2:1-12a

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³ The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "but do not speak of it." ⁴ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho. ⁵ The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "but do not speak of it." ⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had

⁴ This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section of the service.

stopped at the Jordan.⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.¹⁰ "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours-- otherwise not."¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more.

PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 148



M: Praise the LORD from the 'heavens, *
C: praise him in the 'heights above.

M: Praise him, all his 'angels, *
C: praise him, all his 'heav'nly hosts.

M: Praise him, 'sun and moon, *
C: praise him, all you 'shining stars.

Refrain

M: Praise the LORD 'from the earth, *
C: lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his 'bidding,

M: You mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all 'cedars, *
C: wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and 'flying birds,

M: Kings of the earth and all ru'lers on earth, *
M: young men and maidens, old men and 'children.

M: Let them praise the name 'of the LORD, *
C: for his splendor is above the earth and the 'heavens.

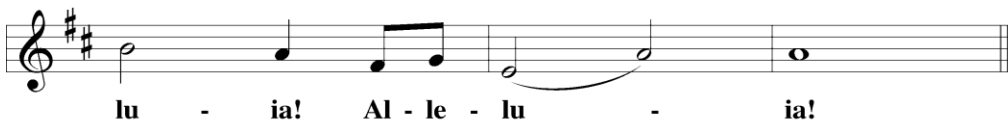
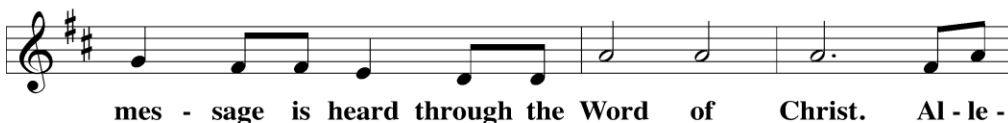
C: Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son *
 and to the Holy 'Spirit,
 as it was in the be'ginning, *
 is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON.....2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY



STAND⁵

GOSPEL

M: The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 9.

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them.³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters-- one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)⁷ Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY.....Jesus Take Us to the Mountain (CW #712)

SERMON ON 2 Corinthians 4:3-6: "Let There Be Light"

STAND

NICENE CREED⁶

C: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under

⁵ The worshipers stand and speak words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.

⁶ Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. The Nicene Creed was composed in the 4th century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: We praise you, O Father, for the precious gift of your Son and for his glorious transfiguration on the holy mountain.

C: **Give us the firm resolve to listen to your Son, the eager readiness to believe his promises, and the joyful willingness to heed his commandments.**

M: By the sign of Moses and Elijah, show us that blessed are the dead who die in faith,

C: **for they shall know the power of Christ's resurrection and "shall be changed from glory into glory."**

M: O God and Father, let your Holy Spirit find a dwelling in our poor bodies and transform our weak, sinful lives into the radiance of goodness, purity and righteousness.

C: **Transform our minds, our understanding, our judgments, yes our whole persons to reflect the mind of Christ.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Hear our prayer, and by your mercy grant our petitions for Christ's sake.

C: **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT



THE PREFACE⁷

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

⁷ These words mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of worship and lift the worshiper's hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*SANCTUS*)

1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly

pow'r and might, Your glo - ry earth and heav - en In
blest is he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er

grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING⁸

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power. Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

⁸ Jesus took bread and *gave thanks*. (Matthew 26:26)

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION⁹

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a C-clef and a common time signature. The second staff begins with a C-clef and a common time signature. The third staff begins with a G-clef and a common time signature. The fourth staff begins with a G-clef and a common time signature.

C: Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the
world; have mer cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a way the
sin of the world, have mer cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a
way the sin of the Grant us your peace. A men.

⁹ As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us Christ's death.

THANKSGIVING

PRAYER

- M:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** Amen.

BLESSING¹⁰

- M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.
- C:** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN.....FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior’s cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word “Alleluia,” which means, “Praise the Lord.”

Now for a time we say farewell to Alleluia. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The Alleluias will return on Easter dawn, as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

¹⁰ The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God’s people for over 3,500 years. The LORD said, “So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them” (Numbers 6:27).

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Alleluia, song of triumph, sound of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;
Saints adorned in robes of glory join the great angelic cry.

Alleluia we are singing, voicing hymns in pure accord,
With Christ's holy Church united, justified, redeemed, restored,
And with all his faithful people raise our songs to praise the Lord.

Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;
Alleluia our transgressions make us for a while forego.
For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow.

May our hymns be filled with longing — hear us, Holy Trinity
As we look to your blest Easter, here, and then eternally,
When we shall once more be singing Alleluia joyfully!

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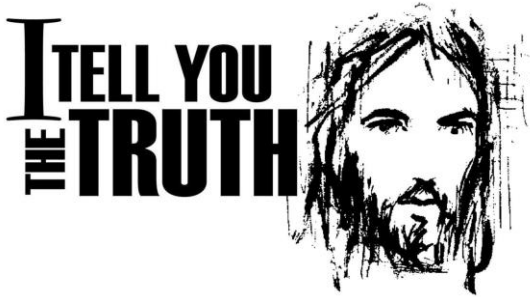
MEASURE OF LOVE

Last Sunday's Attendance : Worship: 44; Communion: 30.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday (2/17):	7:00 p.m.	Bayou Servants for Christ
Wednesday (2/18):	10:00 a.m.	Children's Chapel
	5:30 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship
Saturday (2/21):	9:30 a.m.	Evangelism Workshop
Sunday (2/22):	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	5:30 p.m.	Pastor Hahm at King of Kings, Alexandria

LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP AND SOUP SUPPERS



Our midweek Lenten evening prayer services will begin on AshWednesday, February 18th. We will again be having soup suppers before worship starting at 5:30. Our evening prayer service will be held at 6:30. Our theme for our services this year is "I Tell You the Truth." Each service will focus on one of Jesus' attention-getting and faith-building statements, highlighted in the Scripture by the words, "I tell you the truth." These services provide an excellent opportunity to focus your heart and mind on what is truly important during the Lenten season.

Feb. 18th - Ash Wednesday - "Anyone who sins is a slave to sin."

Feb. 25th - "Faith can move mountains."

Mar. 4th - "Fruits of faith will be remembered."

Mar. 11th - "One of you will betray me."

Mar. 18th - "You will disown me."

Mar. 25th - "If one dies, it produces life for many."

EVANGELISM WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST



Our district evangelism co-ordinator, Pastor Jon Scharf of Covington, GA, will be leading an evangelism worship onSaturday, February 21st from 9:30a - 2:30p with lunch being served. All of our members are invited to attend as we focus our attention on outreach possibilities in our community. Pastor Scharf will also be leading a Friendship Evangelism Bible study on Sunday morning and preaching for our worship that day.

COG NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH



We are planning an outing the LSU baseball game on Friday, February 27th. The game is at 7:00 p.m. and the tickets cost \$4 a piece. We are planning on meeting at a designated spot beforehand for a picnic supper. To reserve tickets, please email Pastor Hahm. We have already had a great response, but there is room for a few more.